

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Kensaku FUJII et al.

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For: Tire with rotation period indication hole, and
method of indicating tire rotation period

Examiner: S. D. Maki

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW IN
ACCORDANCE WITH MPEP §713.04**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith a statement on the substance of the personal interview held on June 25, 2008.

Applicant is most appreciative of the courtesies extended by the Examiner to its representative, Fred Handren (Reg. No. 32, 874), during an interview at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 25, 2007. In the INTERVIEW SUMMARY, the Examiner presents a concise and accurate summary of the discussions that took place between the Examiner and Mr. Handren. As stated by the Examiner in the INTERVIEW SUMMARY ATTACHMENT, the Examiner did not agree with Mr. Handren that all of the wear indicators disclosed in SU 40833 are in the form of projections. In particular, the Examiner construed the wear indicator shown in Fig. 3 of SU 40833 as a stepped void in the tread lug.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1. 17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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